

Amendments to the Specification:

On pages 3-4 of both the clean copy and marked-up copy of the specification, please amend the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 as follows:

[07] Another chain drawing machine that serves as a drive unit for shaping or drawing rods or tubes is described in ~~EP 1 005 828 A2~~ EP 1 055 928 A2. Again, opposite chain wheels drive a first drawing chain and a second drawing chain which together form one drawing plane. To facilitate threading a workpiece into and out of the drawing machine, a plurality of hydraulic pistons are provided behind a guide ledge in the region of one of the two drawing chains, said guide ledge being configured to be elastically deformable so that the forces applied may be transmitted to the drawing chain. The chosen simple structure of the chain drawing machines dispenses with the need for having to equip each drawing chain with its own piston and cylinder unit. The hydraulic pistons provided here also form part of a frame of the chain drawing machine since the press-on forces that are applied in order to clamp the workpiece are at least partially introduced via the hydraulic pistons. Since hydraulic pistons are only provided in the region of a drawing chain, the frame has an asymmetric structure.